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City of Brookhaven Mayor Seeks Federal Assistance to Enhance City

Brookhaven, GA, Jan. 22, 2015 -- Brookhaven Mayor J. Max Davis met with representatives from the Georgia Congressional delegation Thursday at the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors.

Davis, along with City Manager Marie Garrett, met with U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.), U.S. Senator David Perdue (R-Ga.) and U.S. Representative Tom Price (R-Ga.) while visiting Capitol Hill.

"We took the opportunity to brief our federal leaders about our needs in Brookhaven," Davis said. "All of the meetings were extremely productive and our Congressmen were very receptive to what we are working on in Brookhaven. It was such an honor for me to represent Brookhaven to our federal leaders."

The mayor petitioned the Congressmen to research any possible federal Environmental Protection Agency funds to assist with improvements to Murphey Candler Lake. The lake currently has no capacity to hold additional rainwater, causing storm runoff into Nancy Creek and other tributaries. The city is seeking funds to dredge and deepen the lake, as well as restore the banks.

"This impacts the entire basin area, which includes Brookhaven, Chamblee, Dunwoody and parts of DeKalb County," Davis said. "It's essential that we make these improvements soon to prevent any further damage."

The city has already funded a study to look at the improvements to the 21-acre lake. Davis and Garrett also briefed the Congressmen on Brookhaven's ongoing improvements to the Buford Highway corridor. The city is now looking to enhance public transportation and greenspace in the area.

"Our goal is to bring more ways to connect the residential areas with the places of employment. We want Buford Highway to be developed as a live-work-play community," Garrett said.

In addition to possible transportation grants, Brookhaven is seeking federal funds to develop trails along Peachtree Creek.

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